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Proceedings of the Democratic National Convention.

The National Democratic Convention, composed of delegates from all the States of the Union, assembled, in pursuance of the general notice given by the Executive Committee, at 12 o'clock yesterday morning, in the Charleston Church, on the corner of Queen and Pitt-st. streets.

The temporary organization of Arrangements had made every preparation for the accommodation and convenience of the Convention, together with ample facilities for the press and the public spectators, representing the press being in front of the Chair.

The delegates having been successively admitted, on their production of the credentials, in their order appointed, proceeded as responsible and as dignified a body as ever assembled in a deliberative capacity, to the business of the Convention. The familiar faces of household gods—men, whose talents, elevated position, and popular confidence, have been tested and proved by the people—but who should still wrestle throughout the country, were encountered at every glance of the eye prevalent in the gathered world; while others disappointed by a modesty sentiment, in all appearance, that dignified their position, which, for the time, they occupied, were absent.

The Convention assembled, and was called to order by the Hon. Caleb Cushing, of Mass.

On motion of the Hon. A. G. Brown, of Louisiana, was the Chair, and prayer, the Convention until a permanent organization should be effected.

Judge Brown, on taking the Chair, returned thanks, in a few appropriate words, for the honor conferred, and expressed a hope that the proceedings would be characterized by "order—Harmony—Rain fall."

The Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Missouri, a native born Missourian, was appointed temporary Secretary.

The President-pro-tem. said, that before proceeding to business, it would be proper that the Temporary Rules should be invoked for a blessing on their proceedings, and he would call upon the Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Mo., who was present.

Rev. Theophilus Fisk, of Baltimore, then made a fervent prayer for the Convention.

Mr. O'Sullivan, of North Carolina, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee of one from each State, Territory, and District of these United States whose delegation has not been organized by the selection of a member thereof, to report the number of delegates to which each State is entitled in the permanent organization of this Convention.

Resolved, further, That said Committee be empowered to report to this Convention, for its action, the States of New York, and of one member of each State whose delegation from such State to appoint one member of said Committee, and that the Chair of each State shall call the next sort of delegation from that State opposite one member of said Committee.

Resolved, That the States be now called for the purpose of making said selection.

Mr. Toomey, of Connecticut, proposed a substitute original resolution by inserting after the words "from each State" the words "and that the Chair of each State delegation not so represented," and then resolution was accepted by Mr. Wheeler.

Mr. Cushing said that the substitute had been framed in accordance with the practice adopted in 1844, to which he referred, when the Convention assembled at Baltimore in New York. There were several delegations from that State, and in order that the Committee might be properly constituted, it was necessary that there should be one member of each delegation from that State should be appointed.

Mr. Bocock, of New Jersey, objected to the right of the Committee so organized to deny the organization of the delegation from New York.

Mr. C. C. Cumberling, of New York, said that he was opposed to allowing any committee to determine the question of the right of delegates. He desired their claims to be determined by the Convention, and hoped the gentleman from Georgia would withdraw his motion as to particular delegations.

Mr. Cushing had no particular objection, but it appeared to him that the New York delegation should be settled before proceeding to the choice of permanent officers.

Mr. Hallonan, of New York, said that he understood that the resolution of the gentleman from Georgia would remove all purpose connected with the resolutions distributed, but created both propositions, and he hoped that the gentleman from Georgia would withdraw it, and that the resolution be adopted. The delegation with which he was connected was entirely harmonious.

Mr. Hubbard, of Indiana, said all had assembled in the spirit of harmony, and he hoped he would not be misunderstood. He was in favor of the resolution it was necessary that they should be prepared rules for their government. He therefore moved to lay the resolution on the table, and that the rules for the present, with a view to the adoption of those of the House of Representatives of the United States.

Mr. Hallett, of Boston, said that this was not the proper time to act upon the rules of the House of Representatives.

Had some further conversation between Mr. Cushing and Mr. Hunnegan, the resolution and substitute were for the present laid on the table, to enable the Committee to report.

Resolved, That each delegate present, and entitled to a seat in this Convention, shall pledge his honor, that he will support the nominations of this Convention, and will harmonize and give success to such nominations.

Mr. Preston King, of New York, (Brookhaven) said there was no other form of the Convention to organize, and he hoped that the resolution and the question of which he was a member were adopted. He believed that the way be accepted was highly proper, and that the delegates would be willing to accept it in the spirit that it was offered.

Mr. Cone said that they could adopt no rules until they knew who were the delegates by whom the rules were to be adopted—who entitled to seats—who were to be members of the body. He would be ready to go into Committee, and, if not, then

Mr. Yancey, of Alabama, moved to lay Mr. Hunnegan's resolution on the table. Carried.

Mr. Yancey then moved that the original resolution and substitute of Mr. Cone be taken from the table, and again read, and they were taken up and read accordingly.

Mr. Pryor, of Ohio, rejoiced to New York to the Democratic State in the Union, and to the importance of the deliberations of the body, and to the duty of the delegation. He hoped that the Convention would look upon New York without regard to her numerical strength, and that the delegation would be received as a unit. The delegation should be allowed a representative. He proposed a resolution to that effect, and that the right to representation in the committee on rules of the Chair put the question, in the midst of much confusion, on the adoption of the rules.

Mr. Hallonan intimated that he had no objection to the question was put, and declared to be lost by the Chair.

Mr. Cone said it was now my turn.

Mr. Preston King appealed from the decision of the Chair, and he believed that question was decided by the Convention.

Mr. Yancey said that there was no difficulty about the proposition. The gentleman from Ohio had proposed a resolution, upon which, by consent, the Convention had agreed to hear him, and he had the opportunity to submit his resolution, and the Convention forgot that the rules should be considered before the Committee on rules. Between Mr. Cushing and Mr. Hunnegan, in the course of which the Chair was appealed to, and the decision of the Chair declared before the Convention, the question was considered, and Mr. Yancey proposed an amendment to the resolution of Mr. Hunnegan. Lost.

Mr. Wheeler proposed to accept the substitute of Mr. Cone as a modification of his resolution.

Mr. Bailey made a few remarks in relation to which the Convention should be considered, and insisted that the Chair had decided the question of order.

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Resolved, That a Committee of one from each State, Territory, and District of these United States whose delegation has not been organized by the selection of a member thereof, to report the number of delegates to which each State is entitled in the permanent organization of this Convention, and to examine the validity of credentials.

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